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Karen Leone de Nie is a Research Scientist at the Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development. She is currently managing a health impact assessment of the Atlanta BeltLine a 22-mile loop of proposed transit trails and nodes of redevelopment. This study is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and is being completed in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control.

She works on projects related to context sensitive design green infrastructure land use planning and public health and the built environment. Specifically she has led quality growth studies for two Georgia counties and she also worked on an Emory University/Georgia Tech project to study the link between public parks and physical activity.

Before coming to Georgia Tech Leone de Nie completed graduate level coursework in landscape architecture. She also worked at the North Central Texas Council of Governments where she participated in the development of environmental corridor protection plans and the establishment of the Center of Development Excellence a Dallas/Fort Worth region initiative to promote and recognize quality development.

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